



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

July 22, 2015

TO: Pat Modugno, Chair  
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Curt Pedersen, Commissioner

FROM: Kevin Finkel, AICP, Regional Planner  
Special Projects Section

SUBJECT: **Project No. TR067861-(4)**  
**Coastal Development Permit No. 200600007**  
**Conditional Use Permit No. 200600288**  
**Parking Permit No. 200600020**  
**Variance No. 200600012**  
**Environmental Assessment No. 200600216**  
**RPC Meeting: July 22, 2015**  
**Agenda Item: 8**

Attached please find revised motions and additional correspondence that was received subsequent to hearing package submittal to the Regional Planning Commission for the above referenced item.

If you need further information, please contact Kevin Finkel at (213) 974-4854 or [kfinkel@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:kfinkel@planning.lacounty.gov). Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Department is closed on Fridays.

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Enclosure(s):  
Revised Motions  
Letter from Andrea MacKenzie  
Letter from Beth Holden  
Letter from Cassie Boyd  
Letters from J Kurland  
Letter from Lynne Shapiro

Letter from the Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Petition  
Letter from Stephanie Don Vito  
Letter from Stephen Kramer  
Letter from Jon Nahhas  
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Letter from CLUE  
Letter from Barbara Slavin

## REVISED MOTIONS

I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND, HAVING CONSIDERED THE ADDENDUM ALONG WITH THE CERTIFIED FINAL EIR (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 200600216) FOR THE PROJECT, HEREBY: (A) APPROVE THE ADDENDUM; (B) ADOPT THE ASSOCIATED CEQA FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING THE ADDENDUM; AND (C) ADOPT THE ASSOCIATED REVISED MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN REVISED IN A NON-MATERIAL FASHION TO REFLECT THE REVISED PROJECT.

I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NUMBER 200600007, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 200600288, PARKING PERMIT NUMBER 200600020, AND VARIANCE NUMBER 200600012 SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS.

**From:** [Andrea MacKenzie](#)  
**To:** [Richard Bruckner](#); [Kevin Finkel](#); [Sheila@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Sheila@bos.lacounty.gov); [Don@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Don@bos.lacounty.gov)  
**Subject:** comments for tomorrow's regional planning meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015 3:22:51 PM

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To All,

Please include my comments below in the public record for tomorrow's regional planning meeting, specifically regarding the proposed Marriott Hotel on Via Marina:

I strongly oppose the use of that beautiful land on via Marina to be used for a Marriott Courtyard and Residence Inn. It should instead be used for a public park where people can enjoy the one parcel of land left in Marina del Rey that has not been destroyed by construction, congestion, and greed.

I am a homeowner in Marina del Rey and I have a major concern regarding the traffic along Via Marina that has grown exponentially in the past 5 years. We do not need another large facility adding to the traffic up and down this street. Aside from the inconvenience of heavy traffic, there are also many dangers to our safety, our health, and our environment that continue to pile up as the City and County of Los Angeles continue to build in and destroy this area.

My home is surrounded by water on 3 sides and the only major street that gives us an escape route in the case of emergency is Via Marina. With the pipeline coming in, more and more construction, and the overall growing population of the area, it is beginning to feel as though our government officials have no concern for our well-being. We feel trapped, powerless, and ignored in our own community.

Give us a park. give us something we can use that increases our well-being, and I'll start to reconsider this.

Thank you,  
Andrea

**Andrea MacKenzie**



**From:** [Beth Holden](#)  
**To:** [Kevin Finkel](#)  
**Subject:** MARRIOTT Hotel Project in Marina Del Rey  
**Date:** Monday, July 20, 2015 11:13:51 PM

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Dear Mr. Finkel:

I have been a resident in the Marina for 23 years, and live on the Silver Strand on Roma Court. I wanted to write in opposition of the proposed Marriott Hotel Project that is being proposed on Marina Way. There are ample hotels in the area, and we don't need another that is nestled deeply in our neighborhood.

This is clearly a residential area, and not an appropriate area for a commercial business like a Marriott Hotel (especially when there is one right up the street at Admiralty Way). It would clearly be a nuisance to the neighborhood, and could affect our property values, traffic, and other things like crime with workers coming in and out of this private residential area.

If you can imagine a large commercial business being erected on the street from where you reside, with traffic and workers coming in and out every day, it's not ideal for a quiet, safe, and peaceful residence.

I would hope that you reconsider this plan, and do not support it going forward.

Thank you.

Beth Holden-Garland  
4103 Roma Court  
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292  
310/600-0127

**From:** [Cassie Hermiston-Boyd](#)  
**To:** [Kevin Finkel](#)  
**Subject:** Hotel on Parcel 9U- Marina del Rey  
**Date:** Monday, July 20, 2015 3:57:46 PM

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Hearing: July 22, 2015  
Regional Planning Commission Hearing: July 22, 2015  
RE: #8 Project TR067861-(4) - Hardage Group hotel - Parcel 9U in Marina del Rey

Dear Mr. Kevin Finkel and Regional Planning Commissioners:

I am writing to request that you urge the Department of Regional Planning to not approve Project TR067861-(4), the Hardage Group hotel in Marina del Rey Parcel 9U based on changed circumstances that have already been approved. They include high density apartments within 3 blocks of the proposed hotel, the California drought, and the restrictions and ordinances recently put in place to address it. Please request a new EIR. Also, please deny the request for zero set off. It would eliminate a suitable sidewalk for pedestrians.

I live in the Silver Strand Neighborhood which is part of the city of Los Angeles, but directly across from Parcel 9U. If this hotel is approved it will cause permanent and negative impacts to my community and neighborhood. First, Parcel 9U is zoned in a residential neighborhood. Second, I live in a pocket neighborhood with very few routes for ingress and egress. With the approved re-development of Bar-Harbor Apartments, Neptune Marina Apartments, and the 3 year sewer pipeline project, we already have enough to grapple with in this fragile, tsunami- zoned area. We are particularly concerned about emergency preparedness in the Silver Strand.

Under CEQA 1516.2, a substantial change with respect to the circumstances under which the project was undertaken will require major revisions. Most of us would agree that the drought is a substantial change. The State Water Resources Control Board passed revisions; the Los Angeles County Department of Water & Power is putting in place its Storm Water Capture Master Plan; and the California Water Commission revised its ordinance.

The ecologically sensitive location of the project, adjacent to the waterfront and wetlands park, positions it to benefit tremendously by including many revisions in these regulations and ordinances, if it is built. This location is just the kind that many of these were designed to protect. Future Angelinos will wonder what County Planners were thinking if these plans are approved in the face of the drought and good government's new revisions and regulations.

Please urge Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning Commissioners to exercise the vision the people of Marina del Rey have entrusted to them: deny approval and request a new EIR.

Thank you!

Regards,  
Cassie Boyd

**From:** [J Kurland](#)  
**To:** [Kevin Finkel](#)  
**Subject:** Notice of Public Hearing July 22, 2015 - no Hardage/Marriott hotel  
**Date:** Monday, July 20, 2015 5:14:26 PM  
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**As Regional Planning itself has stated “This is a residential community.” This is not the place to put 288 rooms with construction workers and trucks and later, deliveries, employees, taxis, restaurant and bar traffic. The documents state that 1,538 new trips PER DAY will be generated; and these in addition to the 1600 new apartments built, under construction and to be constructed on the same two lane street already used by thousands of condo and apartment dwellers as well as many Silver Strand and Pacific Avenue homeowners. The documents also state that Admiralty, Washington, Lincoln and Venice will be difficult to access. This is no site for a hotel. 2400 new drivers have already been added.**

**Condominiums line Via Marina right here, especially within 100 feet of the project; to its immediate south and southwest are hundreds of apartments. The construction noise will be considerable from 7 to 7 according to the documents, which also state that the demand for water, sewage and solid waste will surpass what permitted, especially with respect to current landfill capacity.**

**The documents speak of the need to reduce contamination runoff into the public’s small craft harbor and into Ballona Creek. When one reads in the documents about soil erosion and concern for the land during periods of rainfall, requiring devices to control erosion and provide safety and check for subgrade damage both during and after construction, this can hardly be a site for a hotel.**

**How can we rely for safety on a builder discredited by many bankruptcies and a major lawsuit, suggesting that another builder should have been considered during the length of these negotiations.**

**Six hotels in Marina del Rey is enough. Two Marriotts, one of them called Ritz Carleton, are privilege enough for this corporation. Marina del Rey was developed for all the residents of Los Angeles, for their recreation. The homeowners and renters for the most part pay post-proposition 13 taxes and high rents. We also support local business during the week when there are few visitors. We don’t deserve this hotel in our midst. As for the tiny wetland park, it has no amenities whatsoever for our families, children, seniors, visitors, it’s a farce and part of a land deal. We are opposed to this project.**

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c/o: Mr. Pat Modugno, Chair  
320 W. Temple Street, Room 1350  
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Re: Support: Courtyard Marriott & Residence Inn; MDR Parcel 9U

Dear Honorable Chair Modugno and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Marina del Rey Convention & Visitors Bureau, I am writing to express our support for the Marina del Rey Parcel 9U project that will include a Courtyard by Marriott and Residence Inn.

The project will be a tremendous asset to Marina del Rey and will strengthen the Marina's position as a premier travel and tourism destination. According to PKF Consulting, in 2014 Marina del Rey's 6 hotels experienced an average yearly occupancy rate of 80.1 percent. The demand for hotel rooms in the area remains strong. The market has historically performed with an occupancy rate in the high 70s and we expect this trend to continue with the addition of a new hotel property.

The Marina del Rey Convention & Visitors Bureau looks forward to collaborating with the Courtyard by Marriott and Residence Inn. The two new hotels will generate additional tax revenue for the County of Los Angeles that will further support infrastructure improvements, visitor serving projects, destination marketing efforts, and the overall revitalization of Marina del Rey. Furthermore, the development of an active wetland, public promenade and alfresco dining overlooking the Marina will be a tremendous asset for both locals and visitors to enjoy.

We look forward to the completion of the Parcel 9U project and hope it will come to fruition as soon as possible. The Marina del Rey Convention & Visitors Bureau strongly urges you to support the new hotel project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Janet Zaldua  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honorable Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Fourth District  
Kevin Finkel, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning  
Aaron Clark, Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Honorable Supervisors and Regional Planners:

No one denies better use can be made of this land. However, Marina del Rey is supposed to be a recreational area for the People. The County has a fiduciary duty to represent and protect the Public's interests.

- Marriott already has two hotels within walking distance. It is an economic concentration of interests to grant the same owner rights to build another hotel. This violates the 7th item in Exhibit C of the Assignment Standard for County Leases.
- Developer has a track record of litigation with Unions.
- Developer has a track record of litigation with California municipalities.
- Developer gerrymandered areas such as Crenshaw and South LA 80 blocks south of USC to wrongfully claim EB-5 status. Developer's 'Invest LA' Exit Strategy declares "...and after 5 years operation the hotel is projected to be valued at \$131M. It is expected that after 5 years, the property can be sold or refinance to repay the EB-5 investors. If the loan is not fully repaid upon maturity, the loan will be converted into equity ownership interest in the form of equity stock based on the prevailing Loan Balance to prevailing Market Value at the maturity date." Invest LA states the number of EB-5 investors will be up to 72. Developer stated he has right to re-assign a County lease. We believe this to be illegal.
- The Visioning Statement, on which the County spent a lot of money hiring consultants and a lot of time vetting, and the Regional Planning Commission approved last year highlights this area is in a Residential Zone. Although Parcel 9U was approved for hotel use years ago – when there was a residential time-share element, this does not mean a hotel is the appropriate use. The *current* Visioning Statement concludes this is a Residential Zone.
- Developer's claims of public amenities claims are mis-leading. Water bus service already exists right there on Tahiti near Via Marina, as well as another on this basin further down Marquesas. Paddle board rentals occur throughout the basins. The only difference is now the Public will pay to park in Developer's stalls instead of County lots.
- Proposed hotel is 60% taller than allowed across the street, and therefore is out of scale with the neighborhood. The cited 5 & 6-stories becomes 6 & 7-stories when including elevator shafts and cooling tower screens.

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- Via Marina is designated as a "scenic drive". In order to make an arriving southbound turn into their main entrance, the median and all historic coral trees along the length of their frontage on Via Marina will be destroyed.

In accordance with the Marina del Rey Visioning Statement,

We, the undersigned, call for a 'No' vote and:

- Not grant a lease for the last open space in MDR to Developer with a track record of litigation with other municipalities and Unions.
- Not grant Coastal Development Permit No. 200600007 for a 5- & 6-floor hotel which becomes a 6- & 7-story building
- Not grant Variance No. 200600012 authorizing zero set-backs of public land

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1. Linda Nazaretian 4250 Via Dolce #119 MDR 7/18/15
2. Margot Hartman 4200 Via Dolce #330 MDR 7/19/15
3. Patricia L. Liles 4200 Via Dolce #328 MDR 7-18-15
4. Bonnie Williams 4300 Via Dolce #116 MDR 7/19/15
5. John A. Brown 4150 Via Dolce #134 7/19/15
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8. Marion C. Gade 4350 Via Dolce #107 7/19/15
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12. M. M. Q 4350 VIA DOLCE #108 7/19/15

13. A. M. M. Q 4350 VIA DOLCE #105 7-19-15

14. M. M. Q 4350 VIA DOLCE #105 7-19-15

15. William M. Hall 4350 VIA DOLCE #310 7/19/15

16. William DRUCKER 4350 VIA DOLCE #305 7/19/15

17. Leonard Ornat 4350 VIA DOLCE 308 7/19/15

18. John M. Tuller 4350 VIA DOLCE 308 7/19/15

19. W. J. Q 4050 VIA DOLCE #329 7/19/15

20. W. J. Q 4350 VIA DOLCE #102 7/19/15

21. Joseph A. H. Q 4250 VIA DOLCE #119 7/19/15

22. Karen Spencer 4350 VIA DOLCE 7/20/15  
Property Manager

23. John Pollack 4300 VIA DOLCE #117 7/20/15

24. Blake Pollack 4300 VIA DOLCE #117 7/20/15

25. NIAVE SCIPACCA 4250 VIA DOLCE #122 7/20/15

26. Trevor Dellecave 4200 VIA DOLCE #131 7/20/15

27. Christine Pierce 4200 VIA DOLCE #131 7/20/15

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42	15	Stan Polsky	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	18-Jul-15
43	16	Raffi and Nikki Gabriel	N/G		18-Jul-15
44	17	Susan Weinberg	N/G		18-Jul-15
45	18	Anonymous	N/G		18-Jul-15
46	19	Anonymous	N/G		18-Jul-15
47	20	Susanne Cumming	Marina del Rey		18-Jul-15
48	21	Judith J. Wiedman-Horton	Marina del Rey		18-Jul-15
49	22	cindy rosenberg	MARINA DEL REY		18-Jul-15
50	23	John Kape	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	18-Jul-15
51	24	Robert Briedis	Marina del Rey		18-Jul-15
52	25	Caryn Briedis	Marina del Rey		18-Jul-15
53	26	Leigh Richart	N/G		18-Jul-15
54	27	Anonymous	N/G		18-Jul-15
55	28	Molly Harne	Marina Del REy	<a href="#">View</a>	18-Jul-15
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57	30	Anonymous	N/G		18-Jul-15
58	31	Susan Maiorano	Marina del Rey		18-Jul-15

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68	41	Brian Smith	Marina del rey	<a href="#">View</a>	18-Jul-15
69	42	Ashok Dhokia	N/G		18-Jul-15
70	43	Sandra Arnold	Marina del Rey		18-Jul-15
71	44	Donald Merrill	MARINA DEL REY		18-Jul-15
72	45	ellen mandel	marina del rey		18-Jul-15
73	46	Rami Tochterman	Marina del Rey		18-Jul-15
74	47	Kelly Akashi	Marina del Rey		19-Jul-15
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76	49	Sylvia Rojas	N/G		19-Jul-15
77	50	Anonymous	Marina Del Rey		19-Jul-15
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79	52	Daniel Gracy	marina del rey	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
80	53	Anonymous	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
81	54	Nancy Pregulman	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
82	55	Judy Manz	N/G		19-Jul-15
83	56	Lauren Kirshner	Marina Del Rey		19-Jul-15
84	57	Tara Peoples	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
85	58	Anonymous	N/G		19-Jul-15
86	59	Kelly Graham	N/G		19-Jul-15
87	60	Catherine Cooper	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
88	61	Dawn Decker	N/G		19-Jul-15
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90	63	Paula Fullerton	Marina Del Rey		19-Jul-15
91	64	Brian Cooper	N/G		19-Jul-15



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95	68	Nichole Tanning-Smith	N/G		19-Jul-15
96	69	Anonymous	Marina del Rey		19-Jul-15
97	70	robin boyd	Marina del Rey		19-Jul-15
98	71	Anonymous	Marina del Rey		19-Jul-15
99	72	martha moffatt	Marina del Rey		19-Jul-15
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106	79	jerry beckman	marina del rey	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
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111	84	Alicia Cordova	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
112	85	Keith Nuechterlein	Marina del Rey		19-Jul-15
113	86	Jody Vanden Heuvel	Marina del Rey		19-Jul-15
114	87	Julie Adrian	N/G		19-Jul-15
115	88	marion Bissonette	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
116	89	Anne Kirkpatrick	Marina Del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
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121	94	Kimberly Adams	Los Angeles	<a href="#">View</a>	19-Jul-15
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129	102	Emily Wieser	N/G		20-Jul-15
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137	110	miche billot	marina del rey		20-Jul-15
138	111	Catherine Smith	N/G		20-Jul-15
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143	116	Cherry Norris	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
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152	125	Mark Galanty	Venice	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
153	126	Kevin Dafesh	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
154	127	Myron Orleans	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
155	128	Stuart Simon	N/G		20-Jul-15
156	129	Adriana Flores	N/G		20-Jul-15
157	130	Rita Silverman	Venice		20-Jul-15

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162	135	Edy Seaver	Venice		20-Jul-15
163	136	John Ransom	N/G		20-Jul-15
164	137	James Schulte	Playa Del Rey		20-Jul-15
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167	140	Bob Kushner	N/G		20-Jul-15
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169	142	Stacy Sloss	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
170	143	Anonymous	Marina Del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
171	144	Gary Zimmerman	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
172	145	Carrie Lighthall	Marina deal rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
173	146	Simone Klein	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
174	147	Daryl Whitlock	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
175	148	Richard Kaplan	MDR	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
176	149	Barbara Savant	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
177	150	Anonymous	N/G		20-Jul-15
178	151	Harry Lederman	N/G		20-Jul-15
179	152	Barbara Lonsdale	N/G		20-Jul-15
180	153	Patricia Barrett	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
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182	155	Lenore DeBuono	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
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185	158	Elaine Haber	N/G		20-Jul-15
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187	160	Mitchel Kadish	Venice		20-Jul-15
188	161	Donna Murray	Los Angeles		20-Jul-15
189	162	stephanie hoffman	N/G		20-Jul-15
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194	167	Gerald Sobel	Santa Monica	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
195	168	Maureen Milligan	marina del rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
196	169	Jack Neff	Los Angeles		20-Jul-15
197	170	Sandra Starr	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
198	171	Anonymous	N/G		20-Jul-15
199	172	Janae Brand	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
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201	174	Sara Zervos	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
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204	177	Steve Bradbury	Marina Del Rey		20-Jul-15
205	178	Penny Akashi	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
206	179	Noreen Delgin	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
207	180	Anonymous	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
208	181	Pattie Siegel	Playa Vista	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
209	182	susan goodman	santa monica		20-Jul-15
210	183	Michele Kessler	Marina Del Rey		20-Jul-15
211	184	Robert Weitz	Marina Del Rey		20-Jul-15
212	185	Fred Grossman	N/G		20-Jul-15
213	186	William Durfee	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
214	187	Angela Whitney	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
215	188	Michelle LeTarte	N/G		20-Jul-15
216	189	michelle zweig	marina del rey		20-Jul-15
217	190	Michael Klein	Marina Del Rey		20-Jul-15
218	191	Cayetano Ferrer	N/G		20-Jul-15
219	192	Anonymous	N/G		20-Jul-15
220	193	misty tosh	marina del rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
221	194	Bev-Sue Powers	Playa Del Rey		20-Jul-15
222	195	Andree Armand	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
223	196	Bertram R. Zweig	Marina del Rey, C 902	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15

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229	202	Karen Schuler	Marina Del Rey		20-Jul-15
230	203	rich carvantes	marina del rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
231	204	linda light	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
232	205	Marianne Tauber	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
233	206	Eileen Nugent	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
234	207	Adam Manacker	Marina Del Rey		20-Jul-15
235	208	Laurie Harris	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
236	209	Brad Tennesen	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
237	210	E James	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
238	211	M. Alfred "Fred" Karlsen	Marina del Rey		20-Jul-15
239	212	Colleen Ludwig	N/G		20-Jul-15
240	213	susanne madden	playa del rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
241	214	david eisner	marina del rey		20-Jul-15
242	215	DANA PACQUING	N/G		20-Jul-15
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251	224	Paul Hopkins	Marina del rey		20-Jul-15
252	225	maggie hwang	N/G		20-Jul-15
253	226	Roslyn Walker	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
254	227	Tina Hopkins	Los Angeles	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
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256	229	Loren Fairchild	Marina Del Rey		20-Jul-15

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260	233	Michelle Mullen	MDR	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
261	234	David Jaffa	N/G		20-Jul-15
262	235	Anonymous	Marina del rey		20-Jul-15
263	236	nora nicosia	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
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265	238	james maurer	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	20-Jul-15
266	239	Kathy Comstock	Los Angeles		21-Jul-15
267	240	George Notaras	VENICE	<a href="#">View</a>	21-Jul-15
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269	242	Carol Reynes	Venice	<a href="#">View</a>	21-Jul-15
270	243	wolfe bragin	Marina Del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	21-Jul-15
271	244	dan avila	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	21-Jul-15
272	245	Mark Walker	N/G		21-Jul-15
273	246	Aylin Inel	Marina del Rey		21-Jul-15
274	247	John Goebel	N/G		21-Jul-15
275	248	Andrea Guerin	Marina del rey		21-Jul-15
276	249	Anonymous	N/G	<a href="#">View</a>	21-Jul-15
277	250	Douglas Fay	Santa Monica	<a href="#">View</a>	21-Jul-15
278	251	Anonymous	N/G		21-Jul-15
279	252	Cynthia Montgomery	Marina del rey	<a href="#">View</a>	21-Jul-15
280	253	jenny chew	N/G		21-Jul-15
281	254	Gayle Rosenberg	Marina del Rey	<a href="#">View</a>	21-Jul-15

July 21, 2015

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Kind regards,

Stephanie Don Vito  
20 Catamaran St. #204  
Marina del Rey



**From:** [Stephen Kramer](#)  
**To:** [Kevin Finkel](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed MDR Marriott Courtyard and Residence Inn Project TR067861  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:40:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [mdr\\_vision-statement.pdf](#)

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Mr. Finkel

I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of Marina del Rey regarding the hotel development project TR067861 proposed for the residential neighborhood surrounding the Special Plan zoned parcel 9U.

I have reviewed the following documents related to this project including:

MDR Visioning Statement  
MDR Planning Presentation 101  
MDR Land Use Plan  
MDR Specific Plan  
CEQA Findings of Fact  
TR067861 Site Plans  
TR067861 Mitigation Monitoring Plan  
TR067861 Addendum to EIR  
TR067861 Hearing Package

I am familiar with the neighborhood surrounding the site and I was quite surprised to hear about the proposed large hotel development.

Upon review of the above documents and discussions with MDR residents it is my conclusion that this large commercial business is completely out of character for the surrounding residential neighborhood and is completely contrary to the MDR Visioning Statement established to provide direction for developments in MDR.

It is CLEARLY INDICATED in the MDR Visioning Statement, created and established by the community members of MDR and the planning commission, that the development site parcel 9U is located in the RESIDENTIAL LAND USE AREA indicated in several figures within the statement including page 22 which I have attached for your review.

Although the hotel development proposed is aptly partially named 'Residence Inn', A HOTEL IS NOT A RESIDENCE! Residents are those community members with long term interest in the community and seek to further only the best interest of the community and its surroundings. Hotels harbor many unwelcome aspects of human behavior and the activities required to support them are also unwelcome in the established, peaceful, pleasant, neighborly, and beautiful surroundings of the MDR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

The LA Regional Planning Commission should act correctly, in accordance with the direction and objectives determined by MDR constituents as is its legal duty, and completely reject the proposed hotel development project TR067861 at parcel 9U; and eliminate the hotel zoning type for parcel 9U finally.

This is the best course of action recommended for the LA County Planning Commission at the meeting scheduled for 7-22-15 as MDR neighborhood residents are prepared to fight for



correct legal representation as expected and required by our democratic society.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Edward Kramer

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July 22, 2015

**To: Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commissioners:**

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**Re: Item #8 - Project No. TR067861 (Parcel 9U, Wetlands on the Public Lands of Marina del Rey)**

**Substantial Issues With the Project :**

1. Cannot build on protected areas in the Coastal Zone.

**Wetlands serve an important ecological function and are protected under the California Coastal Act.**

2. Parcel 9U should be separated into two parcels - a protected wetland and a parcel for development, reflecting the two different land uses.

**Historically, Los Angeles County has separated parcels based on their land use characteristics. The best planning practices involve the placement of appropriate land uses on respective parcels.**

3. The hotel should adhere to the Local Coastal Program and have designated view corridors.

**There is a requirement of a 20% view corridor to ensure that our coastal regions are also visually accessible and not walled off. The proximity of a protected wetland should not affect the requirement that prohibits massing along the water.**

4. A non-profit environmental organization filed a lawsuit against the proposed project on 9U and no mention was made available regarding the complaint.

**A true public process is being evaded by withholding important information from the citizens that simply chose to view or fully participate in the process.**

5. The public should have equal access to all areas on public land.

**Public lands purchased with taxpayer money should have equal access and "fair and equitable pricing" as set forth in the federal mandate of Marina del Rey (House Document 389)**

6. Parking for the wetland on 9U should not involve a valet service and parking should be designated for the Waterbus.

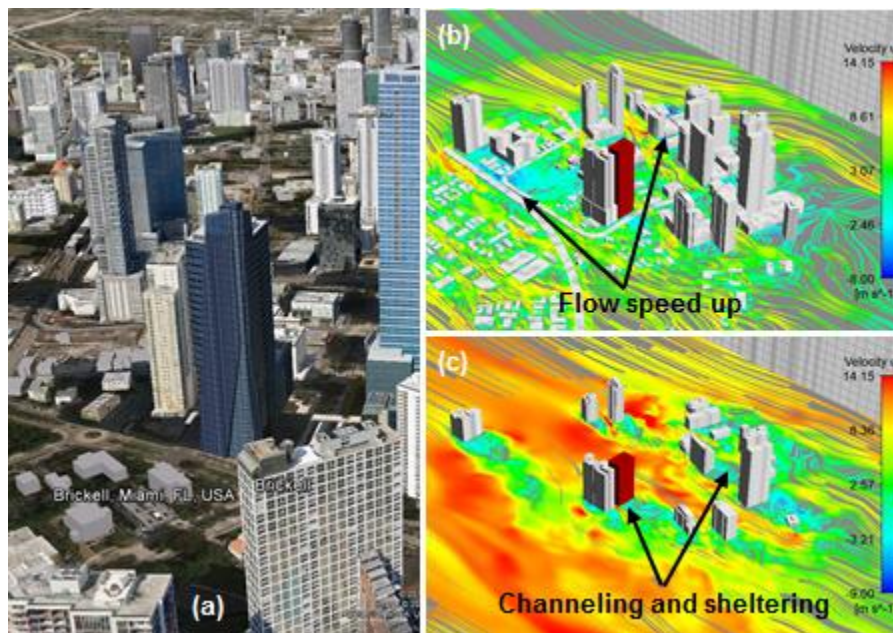
**Valet parking is an inappropriate use for the citizens viewing natural environmental assets. Furthermore, parking should be set aside for County residents and visitors wishing to use the Waterbus.**

7. The Public Promenade (Fire Lane) should not be closed by the lessee for any reason.

**The Public Promenade is to remain open at all times except during emergency use.**

8. The Wind Study conducted by RWDI is flawed in its premise that the wind patterns and effects of wind will not be significantly different by the change in the project from a 19 story building to a two-winged concept.

**There is a significant lack of detail concerning the affect of the wind on the harbor (recreational uses). A newer, computer-based simulation techniques like computational fluid dynamics (CFD) should be utilized for this project. channeling (which speeds up the wind) and sheltering (which creates a region of high suction) can manifest around the different structures. In using small-scale structures in a traditional wind tunnel, it would be difficult to capture these phenomena visually (with smoke) or to measure them with instruments. However, modeling in full scale with CFD allows the researcher to control the level of measurement and observational detail needed.**



Submitted by:

Jon Nahhas



**From:** [Patrick D](#)  
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Sincerely,

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July 21, 2015

To Kevin Finkle and the Regional Planning Commission:

I am writing on behalf of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) in support of the MDR Hotels LLC hotel development on Parcel 9U and Mr. Samuel Hardage. CLUE is an organization of religious leaders who stand with workers and their families in their struggles for dignity and respect in the workplace. We believe in the intersection between successful and ethical businesses, and support those who choose to operate in a just manner.

As people of faith, we believe that we have a responsibility to ensure that new developments in Los Angeles County create good, sustainable jobs. All work has dignity, and all workers should be paid fairly and treated with respect. CLUE is pleased to hear that Mr. Hardage has listened to the voices of the community and of workers, and has signed a labor peace agreement for this hotel project. Labor peace agreements allow workers to organize in a neutral process, and may produce better paying jobs. In turn, better paying jobs strengthen families and communities. Additionally, when workers have disposable income they tend to spend that money locally, which benefits small businesses. An ethical project, like the one proposed by Mr. Hardage, can have significant positive impacts on the surrounding area, and the people who live and work there. This is why CLUE asks this Commission to approve the proposal put forward by Mr. Hardage in Marina del Rey.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Gabriella Rosco  
CLUE Faith-Rooted Organizer



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